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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION SYMPOSIUM ON MOTOR VEHICLE DESIGN
DECEMBER 9-12, 1975

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1. THE EC COMMISSION HAS SENT THE MISSION INVITATIONS TO A
EUROPEAN SYMPOSIUM ON TRENDS IN THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING
MOTOR VEHICLE DESIGN, WHICH THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES WILL BE HOLDING IN BRUSSELS DECEMBER 9-12, 1975.
THE BROAD AIM OF THE SYMPOSIUM IS TO EXPLORE GUIDELINES FOR MOTOR
VEHICLE REGULATIONS FOR THE 1980S WHICH WILL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS, SATURATION OF ROAD
NETWORKS, URBAN CONGESTION, INCREASED ENERGY COSTS, ETC.
THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT SUCH GUIDELINES MUST BE LAID
DOWN NOW IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE MOTOR INDUSTRY TO PLAN ITS
FUTURE PRODUCTION. THE SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS WILL COVER: STRUCTURAL
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STRENGTH AND COMPATABILITY OF VEHICLES; NOISE POLLUTION;

PROTECTION OF OCCUPANTS; PREVENTION
OF ACCIDENTS BY MEANS OF SUITABLE VEHICLE DESIGN (ACTIVE
SAFETY); AIR POLLUTION; AND RATIONAL USE OF ENERGY AND
RAW MATERIALS. THERE WILL ALSO BE A SEMINAR ON ROAD ACCIDENT
STATISTICS ON DECEMBER 11.

2. THE COMMISSION STATES IN ITS COVERING LETTER THAT IT WOULD
BE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME OBSERVERS FROM THE US BUT INDICATES
THAT BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED CAPACITY OF THE CONFERENCE ROOM,
ONLY TWO OBSERVERS COULD BE ACCOMMODATED PER SESSION. IT
IS HOPED THAT OBSERVERS WILL BE EXPERTS IN THE FIELDS UNDER
DISCUSSION.

3. THREE INVITATION BROCHURES TO THE SYMPOSIUM WITH DETAILS
AND ENROLLMENT FORMS ARE BEING AIR-POUCHED TO EUR/RPE
ATTENTION BRESSLER. THOSE DESIRING TO ATTEND SHOULD RETURN
THE ENROLLMENT FORMS TO THE COMMISSION BY SEPTEMBER 15.

4. COMMENT: IN A CONVERSATION WITH A MISSION OFFICER VERDIANI,
THE EC COMMISSION DIVISION CHIEF RESPONSIBLE FOR MOTOR VEHICLE
STANDARDS, REPORTED IN REFERENCE AIRGRAM, MENTIONED THE
DESIRABILITY OF US PARTICIPANTS ON CERTAIN PANELS. WE
WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS POSSIBILITY WHEN VERDIANI RETURNS
FROM VACATION IN SEPTEMBER. END COMMENT. MORRIS

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